

## MALAYSIA MADANI SPIRIT

# Work as a team, PM tells cabinet and civil servants

**PUTRAJAYA:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim wants the cabinet and civil servants to work as a team.

At the prime minister's monthly meeting with the staff of the Prime Minister's Department for February, yesterday, he acknowledged that there is seriousness in the teamwork shown by the cabinet and civil servants over the past few months, such as in the management of foreign workers, as well as the floods and the immediate deployment of the Special Malaysia Disaster Assistance and Rescue Team to Turkiye.

"There is goodwill from the leadership and the civil servants to take steps immediately and responsibly," he said at the gathering, which was held at Dewan Seri Endon of the Puspanitapuri building, instead of its traditional setting at Dataran Perdana.

Also present were Deputy Prime Ministers Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi and Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof.

Anwar also expressed confidence that the cabinet line-up under the unity government can bring about change and work as a team to raise the country's dignity and implement the Malaysia Madani concept.

"Despite diverse backgrounds and ideas... *Alhamdulillah*, it cannot be denied that unity of thought and determination exist.

This is the fact, that we work as a team."

He also called for the civil servants' commitment and enthusiasm to implement changes to steer the country in a better direction.

"There are people who say I shouldn't mention old issues, but the country's image, economy and wrongdoings that have happened cannot be denied and there must be new strength and determination from all."

The Malaysia Madani concept, introduced by Anwar on Jan 19, is based on six pillars: Sustainability, Prosperity, Innovation, Respect, Trust and Compassion.

Anwar yesterday urged all ministries and agencies to improve their operational efficiency in every aspect.

He added that the sincerity of leaders and civil servants in carrying out their duties can free the people from oppression.

"The responsibility of leaders and civil servants is also to free the people from oppression, the people who have been fooled up to the stage that their rights were being ignored."

Anwar said there was still negligence at the enforcement level, which needed to be fixed immediately.

"If you have to line up for hours to obtain any licence, that needs to be fixed." **Bernama**